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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

Director, Intelligence Community Staff

SUBJECT:

National Security Decision Directive 276; Subject:  
National Security Council Interagency Process

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1. This memorandum is to recommend that you notify the National Security Advisor that, pursuant to paragraph five of National Security Decision Directive (NSDD) 276, you have approved the continuation of the Senior Interagency Group-Intelligence (SIG-I) and the interagency groups and committees subordinate to it. A memorandum to this end is attached.

2. Recommendation three in the Tower Commission Report required review of the senior interagency groups and recommended that they be headed by the National Security Advisor. In response, NSDD 276, dated 9 June 1987, revamps the National Security Council (NSC) structure as set out by NSDD 2 of 1981. It establishes a Senior Review Group and a Policy Review Group below the National Security Planning Group and permits the Director of Central Intelligence, among others, to continue existing senior interagency groups and regional or functional interagency groups as necessary or desirable. It directs these officials to notify the National Security Advisor by 30 June if one or more interagency groups are to continue to function.

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3. The SIG-I and its subordinate structures are the only effective mechanisms for the formulation of national counterintelligence and security countermeasures policy and coordination of efforts to these ends. The SIG-I is also the mechanism that establishes requirements and priorities for national foreign intelligence, most notably the National Intelligence Topics (NITs), and is charged in NSDD 2 with approving the National Foreign Intelligence Program. Abolition of the SIG-I and its subordinate structures would leave a large void that not only would be irrational from a national security point of view, but would result in Congressional action to replace the mechanism with something desired by the Congress.

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4. The only difficulty with the continuation of the SIG-I in its present form is that the Policy Review Group (PRG) would be the new NSC entity to which the SIG-I reports. The PRG would be chaired by the Deputy National Security Advisor, and its members would be at the Under or Assistant Secretary level. This would that mean the SIG-I would be reporting essentially to subordinates on the PRG. This could be a problem depending on your perceptions. The memorandum to the National Security Advisor makes no specific mention of this anomaly, but it does leave you the explicit opportunity to make changes in the SIG-I structure as you deem useful.



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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

18 June 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Frank C. Carlucci  
Assistant to the President for National  
Security Affairs

SUBJECT: National Security Decision Directive 276 and the  
Senior Interagency Group-Intelligence [ ]

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1. This memorandum, responding to paragraph five of National Security Decision Directive 276 dated 9 June 1987, is to notify you that I have determined to continue the existence of the Senior Interagency Group-Intelligence (SIG-I) and the entities subordinate to it for the purpose of proposing national counterintelligence and security countermeasures policy and the coordination, on a national level, of relevant activities. The SIG-I will also continue to establish the national intelligence requirements and priorities, the process that results in the National Intelligence Topics. We may also wish to use the mechanism to review intelligence or counterintelligence funding; to monitor implementation of the President's Report to the Congress on the Nation's Counterintelligence and Security Countermeasures, Plans, Programs, and Capabilities; and to assure coordinated responses to Congressionally directed actions. [ ]

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2. I may, however, make some future changes of an as-yet-undetermined nature in the structure and organization of the SIG-I. I will inform you in the event of such changes. [ ]

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